JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Investment decisions have to be taken by parties having access to investible resources and with reference to their own investment criteria. It is difficult to assign any specific reason for the slow response to the investment opportunities created in the country for OEDC parties. Suggestions or proposals received from OEDC investors regarding taxation and administrative regulations are considered on merits.

(c) and (d) Information will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) It is not desirable to disclose details of current proposals at this stage.

(f) No change in the OEDC investment scheme is being considered by Government at this stage.

Agricultural Exports to WANA countries

2456. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the item-wise value and quantity of agricultural exports including processed food from India to each of the West Asian and North African countries and Iran separately for each year from 1980-81 to 1984-85;

(b) what changes have been witnessed in respect of volume and products exported to these countries since 1980-81; and

(c) what are the future prospects for agricultural exports to these countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Item-wise value and quantity of agricultural exports including processed foods from India to each of the West Asian and North African countries and Iran are available for the years 1980-81 and 1981-82 in the Published Statistics of Foreign Trade of India by the Directorate General of Commercials Intelligence and Statistics. Similar data for succeeding years has not been compiled and published.

(c) Reasonably good prospects exist for export of agricultural commdities to these countries.

AEPCS request for Liberal Import of Representation against merger of Luxmi

2457. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) has requested Government for liberal import of the lastest technology in textiles in order to compete with neighouring cuntries; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

2458. Transferred to the 22nd August, 1985].

Representations against merger of Luxmi Commercial Bank with Canara Bank

2459. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received several representations from the employees of the Luxmi Commercial Bank Limited, Delhi against the proposed merger of the Bank with that of Canara Bank;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action is being proposed in view of the genuine grievances of all concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Government have received representations, including one from the employees of the Lakshmi Commercial Bank Limited, New Delhi, against the proposed amalgamation